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SENATE BILL No. 374

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Citations Affected: IC 6-1.1; IC 6-2.5; IC 6-3.5; IC 6-6; IC 14-33; IC 36-2; IC 36-7; IC 36-9.

Synopsis: Property tax assessment date trailer. Corrects references to the property tax assessment date to make the law consistent with the change of the assessment date from March 1 to January 1. Makes corresponding changes in certain filing dates. Specifies how to determine the year of acquisition for depreciable tangible personal property.

Effective: July 1, 2015; January 1, 2016.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — TRUITT, KLINKER, PRYOR)

January 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Tax & Fiscal Policy.
January 20, 2015, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 22, 2015, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
January 23, 2015, engrossed.
January 27, 2015, read third time, passed. Yeas 50, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

March 2, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
March 26, 2015, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type.~~

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~*this style type*~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-3-22 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 22. (a) Except to the extent that it conflicts with a statute and subject to subsection (f), 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001), which was formerly incorporated by reference into this section, is reinstated as a rule.

(b) Tangible personal property within the scope of 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001) shall be assessed on the assessment dates in calendar years 2003 and thereafter in conformity with 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001).

(c) The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code shall publish 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001) in the Indiana Administrative Code.

(d) 50 IAC 4.3 and any other rule to the extent that it conflicts with this section is void.

(e) A reference in 50 IAC 4.2 to a governmental entity that has been terminated or a statute that has been repealed or amended shall be

treated as a reference to its successor.

(f) The department of local government finance may not amend or repeal the following (all as in effect January 1, 2001):

(1) 50 IAC 4.2-4-3(f).

(2) 50 IAC 4.2-4-7.

(3) 50 IAC 4.2-4-9.

(4) 50 IAC 4.2-5-7.

(5) 50 IAC 4.2-5-13.

(6) 50 IAC 4.2-6-1.

(7) 50 IAC 4.2-6-2.

(8) 50 IAC 4.2-8-9.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 50 IAC 4.2-4-6(c) is void effective July 1, 2015. The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and the Indiana Register shall remove this provision from the Indiana Administrative Code.

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-3-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 22.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), when a taxpayer acquires depreciable tangible personal property, the year of acquisition for the depreciable tangible personal property is the fiscal year determined as follows:**

(1) The applicable fiscal year beginning January 2 and ending January 1, for depreciable tangible personal property acquired after January 1, 2016.

(2) The fiscal year beginning March 2, 2015, and ending January 1, 2016, for depreciable tangible personal property acquired after March 1, 2015, and before January 2, 2016.

(3) The applicable fiscal year beginning March 2 and ending March 1, for depreciable tangible personal property acquired before March 2, 2015.

(b) If a taxpayer has a financial year that ends on December 31 or January 31, the taxpayer may elect to use the same year as that used for federal income tax purposes to determine the year of acquisition of depreciable tangible personal property for Indiana property tax reporting purposes. Otherwise, a taxpayer is not eligible to elect to use a federal tax year to compute the year of acquisition for Indiana property tax reporting purposes and must use the applicable fiscal year specified in subsection (a).

(c) If a taxpayer makes a federal tax year election under subsection (b), an acquisition of depreciable tangible personal property after the close of the taxpayer's federal taxable year and on or before the immediately following assessment date must be

included in a separate category on the taxpayer's return and clearly designated.

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2012, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. (a) A general reassessment, involving a physical inspection of all real property in Indiana, shall begin July 1, 2010. The reassessment under this subsection:

(1) shall be completed on or before March 1 of the year that succeeds by two (2) years the year in which the general reassessment begins; and

(2) shall be the basis for taxes payable in the year following the year in which the general assessment is to be completed.

(b) In order to ensure that assessing officials are prepared for a general reassessment of real property, the department of local government finance shall give adequate advance notice of the general reassessment to the assessing officials of each county.

(c) This section expires July 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-4-4.4, AS ADDED BY P.L.113-2010, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4.4. (a) This section applies to an assessment under section ~~4,~~ **4.2** or 4.5 of this chapter or another law.

(b) If the assessor changes the underlying parcel characteristics, including age, grade, or condition, of a property, from the previous year's assessment date, the assessor shall document:

(1) each change; and

(2) the reason that each change was made.

In any appeal of the assessment, the assessor has the burden of proving that each change was valid.

SECTION 5. IC 6-1.1-4-21 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]. ~~Sec. 21. (a) If during a period of general reassessment under section 4 of this chapter a county assessor personally makes the real property appraisals, the appraisals of the parcels subject to taxation must be completed as follows:~~

~~(1) The appraisal of one-fourth (1/4) of the parcels shall be completed before December 1 of the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~(2) The appraisal of one-half (1/2) of the parcels shall be completed before May 1 of the year following the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~(3) The appraisal of three-fourths (3/4) of the parcels shall be completed before October 1 of the year following the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~(4) The appraisal of all the parcels shall be completed before March 1 of the second year following the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~(b) If a county assessor employs a professional appraiser or a professional appraisal firm to make real property appraisals during a period of general reassessment, the professional appraiser or appraisal firm must file appraisal reports with the county assessor as follows:~~

~~(1) The appraisals for one-fourth (1/4) of the parcels shall be reported before December 1 of the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~(2) The appraisals for one-half (1/2) of the parcels shall be reported before May 1 of the year following the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~(3) The appraisals for three-fourths (3/4) of the parcels shall be reported before October 1 of the year following the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~(4) The appraisals for all the parcels shall be reported before March 1 of the second year following the year in which the general reassessment begins.~~

~~However, the reporting requirements prescribed in this subsection do not apply if the contract under which the professional appraiser, or appraisal firm, is employed prescribes different reporting procedures.~~

SECTION 6. IC 6-1.1-12-37, AS AMENDED BY P.L.166-2014, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 37. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

(1) "Dwelling" means any of the following:

(A) Residential real property improvements that an individual uses as the individual's residence, including a house or garage.

(B) A mobile home that is not assessed as real property that an individual uses as the individual's residence.

(C) A manufactured home that is not assessed as real property that an individual uses as the individual's residence.

(2) "Homestead" means an individual's principal place of residence:

(A) that is located in Indiana;

(B) that:

(i) the individual owns;

(ii) the individual is buying under a contract; recorded in the county recorder's office, that provides that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the residence;

(iii) the individual is entitled to occupy as a

tenant-stockholder (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) of a cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216); or

(iv) is a residence described in section 17.9 of this chapter that is owned by a trust if the individual is an individual described in section 17.9 of this chapter; and

(C) that consists of a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately surrounds that dwelling.

Except as provided in subsection (k), the term does not include property owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity not described in this subdivision.

(b) Each year a homestead is eligible for a standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead for an assessment date. Except as provided in subsection (p), the deduction provided by this section applies to property taxes first due and payable for an assessment date only if an individual has an interest in the homestead described in subsection (a)(2)(B) on:

(1) the assessment date; or

(2) any date in the same year after an assessment date that a statement is filed under subsection (e) or section 44 of this chapter, if the property consists of real property.

Subject to subsection (c), the auditor of the county shall record and make the deduction for the individual or entity qualifying for the deduction.

(c) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, the total amount of the deduction that a person may receive under this section for a particular year is the lesser of:

(1) sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property; or

(2) forty-five thousand dollars ($45,000).

(d) A person who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

(e) Except as provided in sections 17.8 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by this section must file a certified statement in

duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the homestead is located. The statement must include:

(1) the parcel number or key number of the property and the name of the city, town, or township in which the property is located;

(2) the name of any other location in which the applicant or the applicant's spouse owns, is buying, or has a beneficial interest in residential real property;

(3) the names of:

(A) the applicant and the applicant's spouse (if any):

(i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or

(ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;

if the applicant is an individual; or

(B) each individual who qualifies property as a homestead under subsection (a)(2)(B) and the individual's spouse (if any):

(i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or

(ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;

if the applicant is not an individual; and

(4) either:

(A) the last five (5) digits of the applicant's Social Security number and the last five (5) digits of the Social Security number of the applicant's spouse (if any); or

(B) if the applicant or the applicant's spouse (if any) does not have a Social Security number, any of the following for that individual:

(i) The last five (5) digits of the individual's driver's license number.

(ii) The last five (5) digits of the individual's state identification card number.

(iii) If the individual does not have a driver's license or a state identification card, the last five (5) digits of a control number that is on a document issued to the individual by the federal government and determined by the department of local government finance to be acceptable.

If a form or statement provided to the county auditor under this section, IC 6-1.1-22-8.1, or IC 6-1.1-22.5-12 includes the telephone number or part or all of the Social Security number of a party or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) of a party, the telephone number and the Social Security number or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) included are confidential. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If the statement is mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement applies for that first year and any succeeding year for which the deduction is allowed. With respect to real property, the statement must be completed and dated in the calendar year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of the year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction.

(f) If an individual who is receiving the deduction provided by this section or who otherwise qualifies property for a deduction under this section:

(1) changes the use of the individual's property so that part or all of the property no longer qualifies for the deduction under this section; or

(2) is no longer eligible for a deduction under this section on another parcel of property because:

(A) the individual would otherwise receive the benefit of more than one (1) deduction under this chapter; or

(B) the individual maintains the individual's principal place of residence with another individual who receives a deduction under this section;

the individual must file a certified statement with the auditor of the county, notifying the auditor of the change of use, not more than sixty (60) days after the date of that change. An individual who fails to file the statement required by this subsection is liable for any additional taxes that would have been due on the property if the individual had filed the statement as required by this subsection plus a civil penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the additional taxes due. The civil penalty imposed under this subsection is in addition to any interest and penalties for a delinquent payment that might otherwise be due. One percent (1%) of the total civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be transferred by the county to the department of local government finance for use by the department in establishing and maintaining the homestead property data base under subsection (i) and,

to the extent there is money remaining, for any other purposes of the department. This amount becomes part of the property tax liability for purposes of this article.

(g) The department of local government finance shall adopt rules or guidelines concerning the application for a deduction under this section.

(h) This subsection does not apply to property in the first year for which a deduction is claimed under this section if the sole reason that a deduction is claimed on other property is that the individual or married couple maintained a principal residence at the other property on ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** in the same year in which an application for a deduction is filed under this section or, if the application is for a homestead that is assessed as personal property, on ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** in the immediately preceding year and the individual or married couple is moving the individual's or married couple's principal residence to the property that is the subject of the application. Except as provided in subsection (n), the county auditor may not grant an individual or a married couple a deduction under this section if:

(1) the individual or married couple, for the same year, claims the deduction on two (2) or more different applications for the deduction; and

(2) the applications claim the deduction for different property.

(i) The department of local government finance shall provide secure access to county auditors to a homestead property data base that includes access to the homestead owner's name and the numbers required from the homestead owner under subsection (e)(4) for the sole purpose of verifying whether an owner is wrongly claiming a deduction under this chapter or a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-1.1-20.6, or IC 6-3.5.

(j) A county auditor may require an individual to provide evidence proving that the individual's residence is the individual's principal place of residence as claimed in the certified statement filed under subsection (e). The county auditor may limit the evidence that an individual is required to submit to a state income tax return, a valid driver's license, or a valid voter registration card showing that the residence for which the deduction is claimed is the individual's principal place of residence. The department of local government finance shall work with county auditors to develop procedures to determine whether a property owner that is claiming a standard deduction or homestead credit is not eligible for the standard deduction or homestead credit because the property owner's principal place of residence is outside Indiana.

(k) As used in this section, "homestead" includes property that satisfies each of the following requirements:

(1) The property is located in Indiana and consists of a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately surrounds that dwelling.

(2) The property is the principal place of residence of an individual.

(3) The property is owned by an entity that is not described in subsection (a)(2)(B).

(4) The individual residing on the property is a shareholder, partner, or member of the entity that owns the property.

(5) The property was eligible for the standard deduction under this section on March 1, 2009.

(l) If a county auditor terminates a deduction for property described in subsection (k) with respect to property taxes that are:

(1) imposed for an assessment date in 2009; and

(2) first due and payable in 2010;

on the grounds that the property is not owned by an entity described in subsection (a)(2)(B), the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides proof that the property is eligible for the deduction in accordance with subsection (k) and that the individual residing on the property is not claiming the deduction for any other property.

(m) For assessment dates after 2009, the term "homestead" includes:

(1) a deck or patio;

(2) a gazebo; or

(3) another residential yard structure, as defined in rules adopted by the department of local government finance (other than a swimming pool);

that is assessed as real property and attached to the dwelling.

(n) A county auditor shall grant an individual a deduction under this section regardless of whether the individual and the individual's spouse claim a deduction on two (2) different applications and each application claims a deduction for different property if the property owned by the individual's spouse is located outside Indiana and the individual files an affidavit with the county auditor containing the following information:

(1) The names of the county and state in which the individual's spouse claims a deduction substantially similar to the deduction allowed by this section.

(2) A statement made under penalty of perjury that the following are true:

(A) That the individual and the individual's spouse maintain separate principal places of residence.

(B) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has an ownership interest in the other's principal place of residence.

(C) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has, for that same year, claimed a standard or substantially similar deduction for any property other than the property maintained as a principal place of residence by the respective individuals.

A county auditor may require an individual or an individual's spouse to provide evidence of the accuracy of the information contained in an affidavit submitted under this subsection. The evidence required of the individual or the individual's spouse may include state income tax returns, excise tax payment information, property tax payment information, driver license information, and voter registration information.

(o) If:

(1) a property owner files a statement under subsection (e) to claim the deduction provided by this section for a particular property; and

(2) the county auditor receiving the filed statement determines that the property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction;

the county auditor shall inform the property owner of the county auditor's determination in writing. If a property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction because the county auditor has determined that the property is not the property owner's principal place of residence, the property owner may appeal the county auditor's determination to the county property tax assessment board of appeals as provided in IC 6-1.1-15. The county auditor shall inform the property owner of the owner's right to appeal to the county property tax assessment board of appeals when the county auditor informs the property owner of the county auditor's determination under this subsection.

(p) An individual is entitled to the deduction under this section for a homestead for a particular assessment date if:

(1) either:

(A) the individual's interest in the homestead as described in subsection (a)(2)(B) is conveyed to the individual after the assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the assessment date occurs; or

(B) the individual contracts to purchase the homestead after the assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the

assessment date occurs;

(2) on the assessment date:

(A) the property on which the homestead is currently located was vacant land; or

(B) the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the homestead was not completed;

(3) either:

(A) the individual files the certified statement required by subsection (e) on or before December 31 of the calendar year in which the assessment date occurs to claim the deduction under this section; or

(B) a sales disclosure form that meets the requirements of section 44 of this chapter is submitted to the county assessor on or before December 31 of the calendar year for the individual's purchase of the homestead; and

(4) the individual files with the county auditor on or before December 31 of the calendar year in which the assessment date occurs a statement that:

(A) lists any other property for which the individual would otherwise receive a deduction under this section for the assessment date; and

(B) cancels the deduction described in clause (A) for that property.

An individual who satisfies the requirements of subdivisions (1) through (4) is entitled to the deduction under this section for the homestead for the assessment date, even if on the assessment date the property on which the homestead is currently located was vacant land or the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the homestead was not completed. The county auditor shall apply the deduction for the assessment date and for the assessment date in any later year in which the homestead remains eligible for the deduction. A homestead that qualifies for the deduction under this section as provided in this subsection is considered a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of this chapter and IC 6-1.1-20.6. The county auditor shall cancel the deduction under this section for any property that is located in the county and is listed on the statement filed by the individual under subdivision (4). If the property listed on the statement filed under subdivision (4) is located in another county, the county auditor who receives the statement shall forward the statement to the county auditor of that other county, and the county auditor of that other county shall cancel the deduction under this section for that property.

(q) This subsection applies to an application for the deduction

provided by this section that is filed for an assessment date occurring after December 31, 2013. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual buying a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property under a contract providing that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the mobile home or manufactured home is not entitled to the deduction provided by this section unless the parties to the contract comply with IC 9-17-6-17.

(r) This subsection:

(1) applies to an application for the deduction provided by this section that is filed for an assessment date occurring after December 31, 2013; and

(2) does not apply to an individual described in subsection (q).

The owner of a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property must attach a copy of the owner's title to the mobile home or manufactured home to the application for the deduction provided by this section.

(s) For assessment dates after 2013, the term "homestead" includes property that is owned by an individual who:

(1) is serving on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States;

(2) was ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana; and

(3) was otherwise eligible, without regard to this subsection, for the deduction under this section for the property for the assessment date immediately preceding the transfer date specified in the order described in subdivision (2).

For property to qualify under this subsection for the deduction provided by this section, the individual described in subdivisions (1) through (3) must submit to the county auditor a copy of the individual's transfer orders or other information sufficient to show that the individual was ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana. The property continues to qualify for the deduction provided by this section until the individual ceases to be on active duty, the property is sold, or the individual's ownership interest is otherwise terminated, whichever occurs first. Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the property remains a homestead regardless of whether the property continues to be the individual's principal place of residence after the individual transfers to a location outside Indiana. However, the property ceases to qualify as a homestead under this subsection if the property is leased while the individual is away from Indiana. Property that qualifies as a homestead under this subsection shall also be construed as a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 7. IC 6-1.1-12-41 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]. ~~Sec. 41. (a) This section does not apply to assessment years beginning after December 31, 2005.~~

~~(b) As used in this section, "assessed value of inventory" means the assessed value determined after the application of any deductions or adjustments that apply by statute or rule to the assessment of inventory, other than the deduction allowed under subsection (f).~~

~~(c) As used in this section, "county income tax council" means a council established by IC 6-3.5-6-2.~~

~~(d) As used in this section, "fiscal body" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-6.~~

~~(e) As used in this section, "inventory" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-1.1-3-11 (repealed).~~

~~(f) An ordinance may be adopted in a county to provide that a deduction applies to the assessed value of inventory located in the county. The deduction is equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of inventory located in the county for the appropriate year of assessment. An ordinance adopted under this section in a particular year applies:~~

~~(1) if adopted before March 31, 2004, to each subsequent assessment year ending before January 1, 2006; and~~

~~(2) if adopted after March 30, 2004, and before June 1, 2005, to the March 1, 2005, assessment date.~~

~~An ordinance adopted under this section may be consolidated with an ordinance adopted under IC 6-3.5-7-26. The consolidation of an ordinance adopted under this section with an ordinance adopted under IC 6-3.5-7-26 does not cause the ordinance adopted under IC 6-3.5-7-26 to expire after December 31, 2005.~~

~~(g) An ordinance may not be adopted under subsection (f) after May 30, 2005. However, an ordinance adopted under this section:~~

~~(1) before March 31, 2004, may be amended after March 30, 2004; and~~

~~(2) before June 1, 2005, may be amended after May 30, 2005;~~

~~to consolidate an ordinance adopted under IC 6-3.5-7-26.~~

~~(h) The entity that may adopt the ordinance permitted under subsection (f) is:~~

~~(1) the county income tax council if the county option income tax is in effect on January 1 of the year in which an ordinance under this section is adopted;~~

~~(2) the county fiscal body if the county adjusted gross income tax is in effect on January 1 of the year in which an ordinance under this section is adopted; or~~

~~(3) the county income tax council or the county fiscal body, whichever acts first, for a county not covered by subdivision (1) or (2).~~

~~To adopt an ordinance under subsection (f), a county income tax council shall use the procedures set forth in IC 6-3.5-6 concerning the imposition of the county option income tax. The entity that adopts the ordinance shall provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the department of local government finance before February 1.~~

~~(i) A taxpayer is not required to file an application to qualify for the deduction permitted under subsection (f).~~

~~(j) The department of local government finance shall incorporate the deduction established in this section in the personal property return form to be used each year for filing under IC 6-1.1-3-7 or IC 6-1.1-3-7.5 to permit the taxpayer to enter the deduction on the form. If a taxpayer fails to enter the deduction on the form, the township assessor, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, shall:~~

~~(1) determine the amount of the deduction; and~~

~~(2) within the period established in IC 6-1.1-16-1, issue a notice of assessment to the taxpayer that reflects the application of the deduction to the inventory assessment.~~

~~(k) The deduction established in this section must be applied to any inventory assessment made by:~~

~~(1) an assessing official;~~

~~(2) a county property tax board of appeals; or~~

~~(3) the department of local government finance.~~

SECTION 8. IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.288-2013, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5.4. (a) A person that desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 4.5 of this chapter must file a certified deduction schedule with the person's personal property return on a form prescribed by the department of local government finance with the township assessor of the township in which the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment is located, or with the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township. Except as provided in subsection (e), the deduction is applied in the amount claimed in a certified schedule that a person files with:

(1) a timely personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7(a) or IC 6-1.1-3-7(b); or

(2) a timely amended personal property return under

IC 6-1.1-3-7.5.

The township or county assessor shall forward to the county auditor a copy of each certified deduction schedule filed under this subsection. The township assessor shall forward to the county assessor a copy of each certified deduction schedule filed with the township assessor under this subsection.

(b) The deduction schedule required by this section must contain the following information:

(1) The name of the owner of the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment.

(2) A description of the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment.

(3) The amount of the deduction claimed for the first year of the deduction.

(c) If a determination about the number of years the deduction is allowed has not been made in the resolution adopted under section 2.5 of this chapter, the county auditor shall notify the designating body, and the designating body shall adopt a resolution under section 4.5(e)(2) of this chapter.

(d) A deduction schedule must be filed under this section in the year in which the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment is installed and in each of the immediately succeeding years the deduction is allowed.

(e) The township assessor, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, may:

(1) review the deduction schedule; and

(2) before the ~~March 1~~ **assessment date** that next succeeds the assessment date for which the deduction is claimed, deny or alter the amount of the deduction.

If the township or county assessor does not deny the deduction, the county auditor shall apply the deduction in the amount claimed in the deduction schedule or in the amount as altered by the township or county assessor. A township or county assessor who denies a deduction under this subsection or alters the amount of the deduction shall notify the person that claimed the deduction and the county auditor of the assessor's action. The county auditor shall notify the designating body and the county property tax assessment board of appeals of all deductions applied under this section.

(f) If the ownership of new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment changes, the deduction provided under section 4.5 of this chapter continues to apply to that equipment if the new owner:

(1) continues to use the equipment in compliance with any standards established under section 2(g) of this chapter; and

(2) files the deduction schedules required by this section.

(g) The amount of the deduction is the percentage under section 4.5 of this chapter that would have applied if the ownership of the property had not changed multiplied by the assessed value of the equipment for the year the deduction is claimed by the new owner.

(h) A person may appeal a determination of the township or county assessor under subsection (e) to deny or alter the amount of the deduction by requesting in writing a preliminary conference with the township or county assessor not more than forty-five (45) days after the township or county assessor gives the person notice of the determination. Except as provided in subsection (i), an appeal initiated under this subsection is processed and determined in the same manner that an appeal is processed and determined under IC 6-1.1-15.

(i) The county assessor is recused from any action the county property tax assessment board of appeals takes with respect to an appeal under subsection (h) of a determination by the county assessor.

SECTION 9. IC 6-1.1-12.3-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "service period" means ~~a period beginning March 1 in a~~ **the** year immediately preceding ~~an~~ **the most recent** assessment date. ~~and ending on February 28 in the year containing an assessment date.~~

SECTION 10. IC 6-1.1-12.7-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.113-2010, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 6. (a) To obtain the deduction under this chapter, an owner of qualified personal property must file a certified deduction schedule with the county assessor in which the qualified personal property is located. The department of local government finance shall prescribe the form of the schedule. A schedule must be filed for each year the deduction is being claimed.

(b) The schedule must be filed with:

(1) a timely personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7(a) or IC 6-1.1-3-7(b); or

(2) a timely amended personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7.5.

The county assessor shall forward to the county auditor a copy of each

schedule filed.

(c) The schedule must contain at least the following information:

(1) The name of the owner of the qualified personal property.

(2) A description of the qualified personal property and the address of the real estate on which it is located.

(3) Documentation that the qualified personal property is located within a certified technology park.

(4) Documentation that the qualified personal property is primarily used to conduct high technology activity.

(d) The deduction applies to the qualified personal property claimed in a schedule. However, the county assessor may:

(1) review the schedule; and

(2) before the ~~March 1~~ **assessment date** that next succeeds the assessment date for which the deduction is claimed, deny or alter the amount of the deduction.

If the county assessor does not deny the deduction, the county auditor shall apply the deduction in the amount claimed in the schedule or in the amount as altered by the county assessor. A county assessor who denies a deduction under this subsection or alters the amount of the deduction shall notify the person that claimed the deduction and the county auditor of the assessor's determination.

(e) A person may appeal a determination by the county assessor to deny or alter the amount of the deduction by requesting in writing, not more than forty-five (45) days after the county assessor gives the person notice of the determination, a meeting with the county assessor. An appeal initiated under this subsection must be processed and determined in the same manner that an appeal is processed and determined under IC 6-1.1-15. However, the county assessor may not participate in any action the county property tax assessment board of appeals takes with respect to an appeal of a determination by the county assessor.

SECTION 11. IC 6-1.1-13-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2012, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 6. ~~(a) A county assessor shall inquire into the assessment of the classes of tangible property in the various townships of the county after March 1 in the year in which a general reassessment under IC 6-1.1-4-4 becomes effective. The county assessor shall make any changes, whether increases or decreases, in the assessed values which are necessary in order to equalize these values in and between the various townships of the county. In addition, the county assessor shall determine the percent to be added to or deducted from the assessed values in order to make a just, equitable, and uniform~~

~~equalization of assessments in and between the townships of the county.~~

~~(b)~~ A county assessor shall inquire into the assessment of the classes of tangible property in the group of parcels under a county's reassessment plan prepared under IC 6-1.1-4-4.2 after ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** in the year in which the reassessment of tangible property in that group of parcels becomes effective. The county assessor shall make any changes, whether increases or decreases, in the assessed values that are necessary in order to equalize these values in that group. In addition, the county assessor shall determine the percent to be added to or deducted from the assessed values in order to make a just, equitable, and uniform equalization of assessments in that group.

SECTION 12. IC 6-1.1-17-16.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.172-2011, SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 16.2. The department of local government finance may not approve the budget of a taxing unit or a supplemental appropriation for a taxing unit until the taxing unit files an annual report under IC 5-11-1-4 or IC 5-11-13 for the preceding calendar year, unless the taxing unit did not exist as of ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** of the calendar year preceding the ensuing calendar year by two (2) years. This section applies to a taxing unit that is the successor to another taxing unit or the result of a consolidation or merger of more than one (1) taxing unit, if an annual report under IC 5-11-1-4 or IC 5-11-13 has not been filed for each predecessor taxing unit.

SECTION 13. IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 10.5. (a) The ad valorem property tax levy limits imposed by section 3 of this chapter do not apply to ad valorem property taxes imposed by a civil taxing unit for fire protection services within a fire protection territory under IC 36-8-19, if the civil taxing unit is a participating unit in a fire protection territory established before August 1, 2001. For purposes of computing the ad valorem property tax levy limits imposed on a civil taxing unit by section 3 of this chapter on a civil taxing unit that is a participating unit in a fire protection territory, established before August 1, 2001, the civil taxing unit's ad valorem property tax levy for a particular calendar year does not include that part of the levy imposed under IC 36-8-19. Any property taxes imposed by a civil taxing unit that are exempted by this subsection from the ad valorem property tax levy limits imposed by section 3 of this chapter and first due and payable after December 31, 2008, may not increase annually by a percentage greater than the result of:

(1) the assessed value growth quotient determined under section 2 of this chapter; minus

(2) one (1).

(b) The department of local government finance may, under this subsection, increase the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy that would otherwise apply to a civil taxing unit under section 3 of this chapter to meet the civil taxing unit's obligations to a fire protection territory established under IC 36-8-19. To obtain an increase in the civil taxing unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy, a civil taxing unit shall submit a petition to the department of local government finance in the year immediately preceding the first year in which the civil taxing unit levies a tax to support the fire protection territory. The petition must be filed before the date specified in section 12(a)(1) of this chapter of that year. The department of local government finance shall make a final determination of the civil taxing unit's budget, ad valorem property tax levy, and property tax rate for the fire protection territory for the ensuing calendar year. In making its determination under this subsection, the department of local government finance shall consider the amount that the civil taxing unit is obligated to provide to meet the expenses of operation and maintenance of the fire protection services within the territory, including the participating unit's reasonable share of an operating balance for the fire protection territory. The department of local government finance shall determine the entire amount of the allowable adjustment in the final determination. The department shall order the adjustment implemented in the amounts and over the number of years, not exceeding three (3), requested by the petitioning civil taxing unit. However, the department of local government finance may not approve under this subsection a property tax levy greater than zero (0) if the civil taxing unit did not exist as of the ~~March 1~~ assessment date for which the tax levy will be imposed. For purposes of applying this subsection to the civil taxing unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy in subsequent calendar years, the department of local government finance may determine not to consider part or all of the part of the property tax levy imposed to establish the operating balance of the fire protection territory.

SECTION 14. IC 6-1.1-18.5-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2013, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 13. (a) With respect to an appeal filed under section 12 of this chapter, the department may find that a civil taxing unit should receive any one (1) or more of the following types of relief:

(1) Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess

of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if in the judgment of the department the increase is reasonably necessary due to increased costs of the civil taxing unit resulting from annexation, consolidation, or other extensions of governmental services by the civil taxing unit to additional geographic areas or persons. With respect to annexation, consolidation, or other extensions of governmental services in a calendar year, if those increased costs are incurred by the civil taxing unit in that calendar year and more than one (1) immediately succeeding calendar year, the unit may appeal under section 12 of this chapter for permission to increase its levy under this subdivision based on those increased costs in any of the following:

(A) The first calendar year in which those costs are incurred.

(B) One (1) or more of the immediately succeeding four (4) calendar years.

(2) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control board finds that the civil taxing unit needs the increase to meet the civil taxing unit's share of the costs of operating a court established by statute enacted after December 31, 1973. Before recommending such an increase, the local government tax control board shall consider all other revenues available to the civil taxing unit that could be applied for that purpose. The maximum aggregate levy increases that the local government tax control board may recommend for a particular court equals the civil taxing unit's estimate of the unit's share of the costs of operating a court for the first full calendar year in which it is in existence. For purposes of this subdivision, costs of operating a court include:

(A) the cost of personal services (including fringe benefits);

(B) the cost of supplies; and

(C) any other cost directly related to the operation of the court.

(3) Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the department finds that the quotient determined under STEP SIX of the following formula is equal to or greater than one and two-hundredths (1.02):

STEP ONE: Determine the three (3) calendar years that most immediately precede the ensuing calendar year and in which

a statewide general reassessment of real property under IC 6-1.1-4-4 does not first become effective.

STEP TWO: Compute separately, for each of the calendar years determined in STEP ONE, the quotient (rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth (0.0001)) of the sum of the civil taxing unit's total assessed value of all taxable property and:

(i) for a particular calendar year before 2007, the total assessed value of property tax deductions in the unit under IC 6-1.1-12-41 **(repealed)** or IC 6-1.1-12-42 in the particular calendar year; or

(ii) for a particular calendar year after 2006, the total assessed value of property tax deductions that applied in the unit under IC 6-1.1-12-42 in 2006 plus for a particular calendar year after 2009, the total assessed value of property tax deductions that applied in the unit under IC 6-1.1-12-37.5 in 2008;

divided by the sum determined under this STEP for the calendar year immediately preceding the particular calendar year.

STEP THREE: Divide the sum of the three (3) quotients computed in STEP TWO by three (3).

STEP FOUR: Compute separately, for each of the calendar years determined in STEP ONE, the quotient (rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth (0.0001)) of the sum of the total assessed value of all taxable property in all counties and:

(i) for a particular calendar year before 2007, the total assessed value of property tax deductions in all counties under IC 6-1.1-12-41 **(repealed)** or IC 6-1.1-12-42 in the particular calendar year; or

(ii) for a particular calendar year after 2006, the total assessed value of property tax deductions that applied in all counties under IC 6-1.1-12-42 in 2006 plus for a particular calendar year after 2009, the total assessed value of property tax deductions that applied in the unit under IC 6-1.1-12-37.5 in 2008;

divided by the sum determined under this STEP for the calendar year immediately preceding the particular calendar year.

STEP FIVE: Divide the sum of the three (3) quotients computed in STEP FOUR by three (3).

STEP SIX: Divide the STEP THREE amount by the STEP FIVE amount.

The civil taxing unit may increase its levy by a percentage not greater than the percentage by which the STEP THREE amount exceeds the percentage by which the civil taxing unit may increase its levy under section 3 of this chapter based on the assessed value growth quotient determined under section 2 of this chapter.

(4) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control board finds that the civil taxing unit needs the increase to pay the costs of furnishing fire protection for the civil taxing unit through a volunteer fire department. For purposes of determining a township's need for an increased levy, the local government tax control board shall not consider the amount of money borrowed under IC 36-6-6-14 during the immediately preceding calendar year. However, any increase in the amount of the civil taxing unit's levy recommended by the local government tax control board under this subdivision for the ensuing calendar year may not exceed the lesser of:

(A) ten thousand dollars ($10,000); or

(B) twenty percent (20%) of:

(i) the amount authorized for operating expenses of a volunteer fire department in the budget of the civil taxing unit for the immediately preceding calendar year; plus

(ii) the amount of any additional appropriations authorized during that calendar year for the civil taxing unit's use in paying operating expenses of a volunteer fire department under this chapter; minus

(iii) the amount of money borrowed under IC 36-6-6-14 during that calendar year for the civil taxing unit's use in paying operating expenses of a volunteer fire department.

(5) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission to a civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter in order to raise revenues for pension payments and contributions the civil taxing unit is required to make under IC 36-8. The maximum increase in a civil taxing unit's levy that may be recommended under this subdivision for an ensuing calendar year equals the amount, if any, by which the pension payments and contributions the civil taxing unit is required to make under IC 36-8 during the

ensuing calendar year exceeds the product of one and one-tenth (1.1) multiplied by the pension payments and contributions made by the civil taxing unit under IC 36-8 during the calendar year that immediately precedes the ensuing calendar year. For purposes of this subdivision, "pension payments and contributions made by a civil taxing unit" does not include that part of the payments or contributions that are funded by distributions made to a civil taxing unit by the state.

(6) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if the local government tax control board finds that:

(A) the township's township assistance ad valorem property tax rate is less than one and sixty-seven hundredths cents ($0.0167) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation; and

(B) the township needs the increase to meet the costs of providing township assistance under IC 12-20 and IC 12-30-4.

The maximum increase that the board may recommend for a township is the levy that would result from an increase in the township's township assistance ad valorem property tax rate of one and sixty-seven hundredths cents ($0.0167) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation minus the township's ad valorem property tax rate per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation before the increase.

(7) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission to a civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if:

(A) the increase has been approved by the legislative body of the municipality with the largest population where the civil taxing unit provides public transportation services; and

(B) the local government tax control board finds that the civil taxing unit needs the increase to provide adequate public transportation services.

The local government tax control board shall consider tax rates and levies in civil taxing units of comparable population, and the effect (if any) of a loss of federal or other funds to the civil taxing unit that might have been used for public transportation purposes. However, the increase that the board may recommend under this subdivision for a civil taxing unit may not exceed the revenue that

would be raised by the civil taxing unit based on a property tax rate of one cent ($0.01) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation.

(8) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission to a civil taxing unit to increase the unit's levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if the local government tax control board finds that:

(A) the civil taxing unit is:

(i) a county having a population of more than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) but less than one hundred seventy-five thousand (175,000);

(ii) a city having a population of more than sixty-five thousand (65,000) but less than seventy thousand (70,000);

(iii) a city having a population of more than twenty-nine thousand five hundred (29,500) but less than twenty-nine thousand six hundred (29,600);

(iv) a city having a population of more than thirteen thousand four hundred fifty (13,450) but less than thirteen thousand five hundred (13,500); or

(v) a city having a population of more than eight thousand seven hundred (8,700) but less than nine thousand (9,000); and

(B) the increase is necessary to provide funding to undertake removal (as defined in IC 13-11-2-187) and remedial action (as defined in IC 13-11-2-185) relating to hazardous substances (as defined in IC 13-11-2-98) in solid waste disposal facilities or industrial sites in the civil taxing unit that have become a menace to the public health and welfare.

The maximum increase that the local government tax control board may recommend for such a civil taxing unit is the levy that would result from a property tax rate of six and sixty-seven hundredths cents ($0.0667) for each one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation. For purposes of computing the ad valorem property tax levy limit imposed on a civil taxing unit under section 3 of this chapter, the civil taxing unit's ad valorem property tax levy for a particular year does not include that part of the levy imposed under this subdivision. In addition, a property tax increase permitted under this subdivision may be imposed for only two (2) calendar years.

(9) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008.

Permission for a county:

(A) having a population of more than eighty thousand (80,000) but less than ninety thousand (90,000) to increase the county's levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control board finds that the county needs the increase to meet the county's share of the costs of operating a jail or juvenile detention center, including expansion of the facility, if the jail or juvenile detention center is opened after December 31, 1991;

(B) that operates a county jail or juvenile detention center that is subject to an order that:

(i) was issued by a federal district court; and

(ii) has not been terminated;

(C) that operates a county jail that fails to meet:

(i) American Correctional Association Jail Construction Standards; and

(ii) Indiana jail operation standards adopted by the department of correction; or

(D) that operates a juvenile detention center that fails to meet standards equivalent to the standards described in clause (C) for the operation of juvenile detention centers.

Before recommending an increase, the local government tax control board shall consider all other revenues available to the county that could be applied for that purpose. An appeal for operating funds for a jail or a juvenile detention center shall be considered individually, if a jail and juvenile detention center are both opened in one (1) county. The maximum aggregate levy increases that the local government tax control board may recommend for a county equals the county's share of the costs of operating the jail or a juvenile detention center for the first full calendar year in which the jail or juvenile detention center is in operation.

(10) A levy increase may not be granted under this subdivision for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission for a township to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control board finds that the township needs the increase so that the property tax rate to pay the costs of furnishing fire protection for a township, or a portion of a township, enables the township to pay a fair and reasonable amount under a contract with the municipality that is furnishing the fire protection. However, for the first time an appeal is granted the resulting rate

increase may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the rate imposed for fire protection within the municipality that is providing the fire protection to the township and the township's rate. A township is required to appeal a second time for an increase under this subdivision if the township wants to further increase its rate. However, a township's rate may be increased to equal but may not exceed the rate that is used by the municipality. More than one (1) township served by the same municipality may use this appeal.

(11) Permission to a city having a population of more than thirty-one thousand five hundred (31,500) but less than thirty-one thousand seven hundred twenty-five (31,725) to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if:

(A) an appeal was granted to the city under this section to reallocate property tax replacement credits under IC 6-3.5-1.1 in 1998, 1999, and 2000; and

(B) the increase has been approved by the legislative body of the city, and the legislative body of the city has by resolution determined that the increase is necessary to pay normal operating expenses.

The maximum amount of the increase is equal to the amount of property tax replacement credits under IC 6-3.5-1.1 that the city petitioned under this section to have reallocated in 2001 for a purpose other than property tax relief.

(12) A levy increase may be granted under this subdivision only for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008. Permission to a civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if the civil taxing unit cannot carry out its governmental functions for an ensuing calendar year under the levy limitations imposed by section 3 of this chapter due to a natural disaster, an accident, or another unanticipated emergency.

(13) Permission to Jefferson County to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if the department finds that the county experienced a property tax revenue shortfall that resulted from an erroneous estimate of the effect of the supplemental deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37.5 on the county's assessed valuation. An appeal for a levy increase under this subdivision may not be denied because of the amount of cash balances in county funds. The maximum increase in the county's levy that may be approved under this subdivision is three

hundred thousand dollars ($300,000).

(b) The department of local government finance shall increase the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under section 3 of this chapter for the city of Goshen for 2012 and thereafter by an amount equal to the greater of zero (0) or the result of:

(1) the city's total pension costs in 2009 for the 1925 police pension fund (IC 36-8-6) and the 1937 firefighters' pension fund (IC 36-8-7); minus

(2) the sum of:

(A) the total amount of state funds received in 2009 by the city and used to pay benefits to members of the 1925 police pension fund (IC 36-8-6) or the 1937 firefighters' pension fund (IC 36-8-7); plus

(B) any previous permanent increases to the city's levy that were authorized to account for the transfer to the state of the responsibility to pay benefits to members of the 1925 police pension fund (IC 36-8-6) and the 1937 firefighters' pension fund (IC 36-8-7).

(c) In calendar year 2013, the department of local government finance shall allow a township to increase its maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the township:

(1) petitions the department for the levy increase on a form prescribed by the department; and

(2) submits proof of the amount borrowed in 2012 or 2013, but not both, under IC 36-6-6-14 to furnish fire protection for the township or a part of the township.

The maximum increase in a township's levy that may be allowed under this subsection is the amount borrowed by the township under IC 36-6-6-14 in the year for which proof was submitted under subdivision (2). An increase allowed under this subsection applies to property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2013.

SECTION 15. IC 6-1.1-22.5-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2013, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 20. For purposes of a provisional statement under section 6 of this chapter, the department of local government finance may adopt emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to do any of the following:

(1) Provide a methodology for a county treasurer to issue provisional statements with respect to real property, taking into account new construction of improvements placed on the real property, damage, and other losses related to the real property:

(A) after ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** of the year preceding the assessment date to which the provisional statement applies; and

(B) before the assessment date to which the provisional statement applies.

(2) Carry out IC 6-1.1-22.6.

The department of local government finance may extend an emergency rule adopted under this section for an unlimited number of extension periods by adopting another emergency rule under IC 4-22-2-37.1.

SECTION 16. IC 6-1.1-40-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 301, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 11. (a) A person that desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 10 of this chapter must file a certified deduction application, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with:

(1) the auditor of the county in which the new manufacturing equipment is located; and

(2) the department of local government finance.

A person that timely files a personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7(a) for the year in which the new manufacturing equipment is installed must file the application between March ~~1~~ **10** and May 15 of that year.

(b) The application required by this section must contain the following information:

(1) The name of the owner of the new manufacturing equipment.

(2) A description of the new manufacturing equipment.

(3) Proof of the date the new manufacturing equipment was installed.

(4) The amount of the deduction claimed for the first year of the deduction.

(c) A deduction application must be filed under this section in the year in which the new manufacturing equipment is installed and in each of the immediately succeeding nine (9) years.

(d) The department of local government finance shall review and verify the correctness of each application and shall notify the county auditor of the county in which the property is located that the application is approved or denied or that the amount of the deduction is altered. Upon notification of approval of the application or of alteration of the amount of the deduction, the county auditor shall make the deduction.

(e) If the ownership of new manufacturing equipment changes, the deduction provided under section 10 of this chapter continues to apply

to that equipment if the new owner:

(1) continues to use the equipment in compliance with any standards established under section 7(c) of this chapter; and

(2) files the applications required by this section.

(f) The amount of the deduction is:

(1) the percentage under section 10 of this chapter that would have applied if the ownership of the property had not changed; multiplied by

(2) the assessed value of the equipment for the year the deduction is claimed by the new owner.

SECTION 17. IC 6-1.1-42-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 303, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 27. (a) A property owner who desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 24 of this chapter must file a certified deduction application, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the property is located. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or (e), the deduction application must be filed before May 10 of the year in which the addition to assessed valuation is made.

(b) If notice of the addition to assessed valuation or new assessment for any year is not given to the property owner before April 10 of that year, the deduction application required by this section may be filed not later than thirty (30) days after the date such a notice is mailed to the property owner at the address shown on the records of the township or county assessor.

(c) The certified deduction application required by this section must contain the following information:

(1) The name of each owner of the property.

(2) A certificate of completion of a voluntary remediation under IC 13-25-5-16.

(3) Proof that each owner who is applying for the deduction:

(A) has never had an ownership interest in an entity that contributed; and

(B) has not contributed;

a contaminant (as defined in IC 13-11-2-42) that is the subject of the voluntary remediation, as determined under the written standards adopted by the department of environmental management.

(4) Proof that the deduction was approved by the appropriate designating body.

(5) A description of the property for which a deduction is claimed in sufficient detail to afford identification.

(6) The assessed value of the improvements before remediation and redevelopment.

(7) The increase in the assessed value of improvements resulting from remediation and redevelopment.

(8) The amount of the deduction claimed for the first year of the deduction.

(d) A certified deduction application filed under subsection (a) or (b) is applicable for the year in which the addition to assessed value or assessment of property is made and each subsequent year to which the deduction applies under the resolution adopted under section 24 of this chapter.

(e) A property owner who desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 24 of this chapter but who has failed to file a deduction application within the dates prescribed in subsection (a) or (b) may file a deduction application between March ~~1~~ **10** and May 10 of a subsequent year which is applicable for the year filed and the subsequent years without any additional certified deduction application being filed for the amounts of the deduction which would be applicable to such years under this chapter if such a deduction application had been filed in accordance with subsection (a) or (b).

(f) On verification of the correctness of a certified deduction application by the assessor of the township in which the property is located, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall, if the property is covered by a resolution adopted under section 24 of this chapter, make the appropriate deduction.

(g) The amount and period of the deduction provided for property by section 24 of this chapter are not affected by a change in the ownership of the property if the new owner of the property:

(1) is a person that:

(A) has never had an ownership interest in an entity that contributed; and

(B) has not contributed;

a contaminant (as defined in IC 13-11-2-42) that is the subject of the voluntary remediation, as determined under the written standards adopted by the department of environmental management;

(2) continues to use the property in compliance with any standards established under sections 7 and 23 of this chapter; and

(3) files an application in the manner provided by subsection (e).

(h) The township assessor, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, shall include a notice of the

deadlines for filing a deduction application under subsections (a) and (b) with each notice to a property owner of an addition to assessed value or of a new assessment.

SECTION 18. IC 6-1.1-44-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 6. (a) To obtain a deduction under this chapter, a manufacturer must file an application on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance with the auditor of the county in which the investment property is located. A person that timely files a personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7(a) for the year in which the investment property is installed must file the application between March ~~1~~ **10** and May 15 of that year. A person that obtains a filing extension under IC 6-1.1-3-7(b) for the year in which the investment property is installed must file the application between March ~~1~~ **10** and the extended due date for that year.

(b) The deduction application required by this section must contain the following information:

(1) The name of the owner of the investment property.

(2) A description of the investment property.

(3) Proof of purchase of the investment property and proof of the date the investment property was installed.

(4) The amount of the deduction claimed.

SECTION 19. IC 6-2.5-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.293-2013(ts), SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. (a) A retail merchant may not make a retail transaction in Indiana, unless the retail merchant has applied for a registered retail merchant's certificate.

(b) A retail merchant may obtain a registered retail merchant's certificate by filing an application with the department and paying a registration fee of twenty-five dollars ($25) for each place of business listed on the application. The retail merchant shall also provide such security for payment of the tax as the department may require under IC 6-2.5-6-12.

(c) The retail merchant shall list on the application the location (including the township) of each place of business where the retail merchant makes retail transactions. However, if the retail merchant does not have a fixed place of business, the retail merchant shall list the retail merchant's residence as the retail merchant's place of business. In addition, a public utility may list only its principal Indiana office as its place of business for sales of public utility commodities or service, but the utility must also list on the application the places of business where it makes retail transactions other than sales of public utility

commodities or service.

(d) Upon receiving a proper application, the correct fee, and the security for payment, if required, the department shall issue to the retail merchant a separate registered retail merchant's certificate for each place of business listed on the application. Each certificate shall bear a serial number and the location of the place of business for which it is issued.

(e) If a retail merchant intends to make retail transactions during a calendar year at a new Indiana place of business, the retail merchant must file a supplemental application and pay the fee for that place of business.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (h), a registered retail merchant's certificate is valid for two (2) years after the date the registered retail merchant's certificate is originally issued or renewed. If the retail merchant has filed all returns and remitted all taxes the retail merchant is currently obligated to file or remit, the department shall renew the registered retail merchant's certificate within thirty (30) days after the expiration date, at no cost to the retail merchant.

(g) The department may not renew a registered retail merchant certificate of a retail merchant who is delinquent in remitting withholding taxes required to be remitted under IC 6-3-4 or sales or use tax. The department, at least sixty (60) days before the date on which a retail merchant's registered retail merchant's certificate expires, shall notify a retail merchant who is delinquent in remitting withholding taxes required to be remitted under IC 6-3-4 or sales or use tax that the department will not renew the retail merchant's registered retail merchant's certificate.

(h) If:

(1) a retail merchant has been notified by the department that the retail merchant is delinquent in remitting withholding taxes or sales or use tax in accordance with subsection (g); and

(2) the retail merchant pays the outstanding liability before the expiration of the retail merchant's registered retail merchant's certificate;

the department shall renew the retail merchant's registered retail merchant's certificate for one (1) year.

(i) A retail merchant engaged in business in Indiana as defined in IC 6-2.5-3-1(c) who makes retail transactions that are only subject to the use tax must obtain a registered retail merchant's certificate before making those transactions. The retail merchant may obtain the certificate by following the same procedure as a retail merchant under subsections (b) and (c), except that the retail merchant must also

include on the application:

(1) the names and addresses of the retail merchant's principal employees, agents, or representatives who engage in Indiana in the solicitation or negotiation of the retail transactions;

(2) the location of all of the retail merchant's places of business in Indiana, including offices and distribution houses; and

(3) any other information that the department requests.

(j) The department may permit an out-of-state retail merchant to collect the use tax. However, before the out-of-state retail merchant may collect the tax, the out-of-state retail merchant must obtain a registered retail merchant's certificate in the manner provided by this section. Upon receiving the certificate, the out-of-state retail merchant becomes subject to the same conditions and duties as an Indiana retail merchant and must then collect the use tax due on all sales of tangible personal property that the out-of-state retail merchant knows is intended for use in Indiana.

(k) Except as provided in subsection (l), the department shall submit to the township assessor, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, before ~~July~~ **March** 15 of each year:

(1) the name of each retail merchant that has newly obtained a registered retail merchant's certificate ~~between March 2 of~~ **during** the preceding year ~~and March 1 of the current year~~ for a place of business located in the township or county; and

(2) the address of each place of business of the taxpayer in the township or county.

(l) If the duties of the township assessor have been transferred to the county assessor as described in IC 6-1.1-1-24, the department shall submit the information listed in subsection (k) to the county assessor.

SECTION 20. IC 6-3.5-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2014, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), the county economic development income tax may be imposed on the adjusted gross income of county taxpayers. Except as provided in section 26(m) of this chapter, the entity that may impose the tax is:

(1) the county income tax council (as defined in IC 6-3.5-6-1) if the county option income tax is in effect on October 1 of the year the county economic development income tax is imposed;

(2) the county council if the county adjusted gross income tax is in effect on October 1 of the year the county economic development tax is imposed; or

(3) the county income tax council or the county council, whichever acts first, for a county not covered by subdivision (1)

or (2).

To impose the county economic development income tax, a county income tax council shall use the procedures set forth in IC 6-3.5-6 concerning the imposition of the county option income tax.

(b) Except as provided in this section and section 28 of this chapter, the county economic development income tax may be imposed at a rate of:

(1) one-tenth percent (0.1%);
(2) two-tenths percent (0.2%);
(3) twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%);
(4) three-tenths percent (0.3%);
(5) thirty-five hundredths percent (0.35%);
(6) four-tenths percent (0.4%);
(7) forty-five hundredths percent (0.45%); or
(8) five-tenths percent (0.5%);

on the adjusted gross income of county taxpayers.

(c) Except as provided in this section, the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate, if any, that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%). Except as provided in this section, the county economic development tax rate plus the county option income tax rate, if any, that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one percent (1%).

(d) To impose, increase, decrease, or rescind the county economic development income tax, the appropriate body must adopt an ordinance.

(e) The ordinance to impose the tax must substantially state the following:

"The _____ County _____ imposes the county economic development income tax on the county taxpayers of _____ County. The county economic development income tax is imposed at a rate of _____ percent (____%) on the county taxpayers of the county.".

(f) The auditor of a county shall record all votes taken on ordinances presented for a vote under the authority of this chapter and shall, not more than ten (10) days after the vote, send a certified copy of the results to the commissioner of the department, the director of the budget agency, and the commissioner of the department of local government finance in an electronic format approved by the director of the budget agency.

(g) For Jackson County, except as provided in subsection (o), the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted

gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and thirty-five hundredths percent (1.35%) if the county has imposed the county adjusted gross income tax at a rate of one and one-tenth percent (1.1%) under IC 6-3.5-1.1-2.5.

(h) For Pulaski County, except as provided in subsection (o), the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and fifty-five hundredths percent (1.55%).

(i) For Wayne County, except as provided in subsection (o), the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%).

(j) This subsection applies to Randolph County. Except as provided in subsection (o), in addition to the rates permitted under subsection (b):

(1) the county economic development income tax may be imposed at a rate of twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%); and

(2) the sum of the county economic development income tax rate and the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%);

if the county council makes a determination to impose rates under this subsection and section 22.5 of this chapter.

(k) For Daviess County, except as provided in subsection (o), the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%).

(l) For:

(1) Elkhart County; or

(2) Marshall County;

except as provided in subsection (o), the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%).

(m) For Union County, except as provided in subsection (o), the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%).

(n) This subsection applies to Knox County. Except as provided in subsection (o), in addition to the rates permitted under subsection (b):

(1) the county economic development income tax may be imposed at a rate of twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%); and

(2) the sum of the county economic development income tax rate and:

(A) the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%); or

(B) the county option income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%);

if the county council makes a determination to impose rates under this subsection and section 24 of this chapter.

(o) This subsection applies to a county in which an adopting entity approves the use of the certified distribution for property tax relief under section 26(c) and 26(e) of this chapter or to a county in which the county fiscal body approves the use of the certified distribution to fund a public transportation project under section 26(m) of this chapter. In addition:

(1) the county economic development income tax may be imposed at a rate that exceeds by not more than twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%) the maximum rate that would otherwise apply under this section; and

(2) the:

(A) county economic development income tax; and

(B) county option income tax or county adjusted gross income tax;

may be imposed at combined rates that exceed by not more than twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%) the maximum combined rates that would otherwise apply under this section.

Except as provided in section 5.5 of this chapter, the additional rate imposed under this subsection may not exceed the amount necessary to mitigate the increased ad valorem property taxes on homesteads (as defined in IC 6-1.1-20.9-1 (repealed) before January 1, 2009, or IC 6-1.1-12-37 after December 31, 2008) or residential property (as defined in section 26 of this chapter), as appropriate under the ordinance adopted by the adopting body in the county, resulting from the deduction of the assessed value of inventory in the county under IC 6-1.1-12-41 **(repealed)** or IC 6-1.1-12-42 or from the exclusion in 2008 of inventory from the definition of personal property in IC 6-1.1-1-11.

(p) If the county economic development income tax is imposed as authorized under subsection (o) at a rate that exceeds the maximum rate that would otherwise apply under this section, the certified distribution must be used for a purpose provided in section 26 of this

chapter to the extent that the certified distribution results from the difference between:

(1) the actual county economic development tax rate; and

(2) the maximum rate that would otherwise apply under this section.

(q) This subsection applies only to a county described in section 27 of this chapter. Except as provided in subsection (o), in addition to the rates permitted by subsection (b), the:

(1) county economic development income tax may be imposed at a rate of twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%); and

(2) county economic development income tax rate plus the county option income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may equal up to one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%);

if the county council makes a determination to impose rates under this subsection and section 27 of this chapter.

(r) Except as provided in subsection (o), the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%) if the county has imposed the county adjusted gross income tax under IC 6-3.5-1.1-3.3.

(s) This subsection applies to Howard County. Except as provided in subsection (o), the sum of the county economic development income tax rate and the county option income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%).

(t) This subsection applies to Scott County. Except as provided in subsection (o), the sum of the county economic development income tax rate and the county option income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%).

(u) This subsection applies to Jasper County. Except as provided in subsection (o), the sum of the county economic development income tax rate and the county adjusted gross income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and five-tenths percent (1.5%).

(v) An additional county economic development income tax rate imposed under section 28 of this chapter may not be considered in calculating any limit under this section on the sum of:

(1) the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate; or

(2) the county economic development tax rate plus the county option income tax rate.

(w) The income tax rate limits imposed by subsection (c) or (x) or any other provision of this chapter do not apply to:

(1) a county adjusted gross income tax rate imposed under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24, IC 6-3.5-1.1-25, or IC 6-3.5-1.1-26; or

(2) a county option income tax rate imposed under IC 6-3.5-6-30, IC 6-3.5-6-31, or IC 6-3.5-6-32.

For purposes of computing the maximum combined income tax rate under subsection (c) or (x) or any other provision of this chapter that may be imposed in a county under IC 6-3.5-1.1, IC 6-3.5-6, and this chapter, a county's county adjusted gross income tax rate or county option income tax rate for a particular year does not include the county adjusted gross income tax rate imposed under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24, IC 6-3.5-1.1-25, or IC 6-3.5-1.1-26 or the county option income tax rate imposed under IC 6-3.5-6-30, IC 6-3.5-6-31, or IC 6-3.5-6-32.

(x) This subsection applies to Monroe County. Except as provided in subsection (o), if an ordinance is adopted under IC 6-3.5-6-33, the sum of the county economic development income tax rate and the county option income tax rate that are in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%).

(y) This subsection applies to Perry County. Except as provided in subsection (o), if an ordinance is adopted under section 27.5 of this chapter, the county economic development income tax rate plus the county option income tax rate that is in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed one and seventy-five hundredths percent (1.75%).

(z) This subsection applies to Starke County. Except as provided in subsection (o), if an ordinance is adopted under section 27.6 of this chapter, the county economic development income tax rate plus the county adjusted gross income tax rate that is in effect on January 1 of a year may not exceed two percent (2%).

SECTION 21. IC 6-3.5-7-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2014, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 26. (a) This section applies only to the following:

(1) Taxes imposed under this chapter to provide homestead and property tax replacement credits for property taxes first due and payable after calendar year 2006.

(2) Taxes imposed under this chapter to fund a public transportation project under subsection (m).

(b) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

(1) "Adopt" includes amend.

(2) "Adopting entity" means

~~(A) the entity that adopts an ordinance under~~

~~IC 6-1.1-12-41(f);~~ ~~or~~

~~(B)~~ ~~any~~ ~~other~~ **an** entity that may impose a county economic development income tax under section 5 of this chapter.

(3) "Homestead" refers to tangible property that is eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) or the standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37.

(4) "Residential" refers to the following:

(A) Real property, a mobile home, and industrialized housing that would qualify as a homestead if the taxpayer had filed for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) or the standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37.

(B) Real property not described in clause (A) designed to provide units that are regularly used to rent or otherwise furnish residential accommodations for periods of thirty (30) days or more, regardless of whether the tangible property is subject to assessment under rules of the department of local government finance that apply to:

(i) residential property; or

(ii) commercial property.

(c) This subsection does not apply to a county in which the county fiscal body adopts an ordinance to provide for the use of the certified distribution described in section 16 of this chapter to fund a public transportation project under IC 8-25. An adopting entity may adopt an ordinance to provide for the use of the certified distribution described in section 16 of this chapter for the purpose provided in subsection (e). An adopting entity that adopts an ordinance under this subsection shall use the procedures set forth in IC 6-3.5-6 concerning the adoption of an ordinance for the imposition of the county option income tax. The ordinance may provide for an additional rate under section 5(o) of this chapter. An ordinance adopted under this subsection:

(1) first applies to the certified distribution described in section 16 of this chapter made in the later of the calendar year that immediately succeeds the calendar year in which the ordinance is adopted or calendar year 2007; and

(2) must specify that the certified distribution must be used to provide for one (1) of the following, as determined by the adopting entity:

(A) Uniformly applied homestead credits as provided in subsection (f).

(B) Uniformly applied residential credits as provided in subsection (g).

(C) Allocated homestead credits as provided in subsection (i).

(D) Allocated residential credits as provided in subsection (j).

An ordinance adopted under this subsection may be combined with an ordinance adopted under section 25 of this chapter (before its repeal).

(d) If an ordinance is adopted under subsection (c), the percentage of the certified distribution specified in the ordinance for use for the purpose provided in subsection (e) shall be:

(1) retained by the county auditor under subsection (k); and

(2) used for the purpose provided in subsection (e) instead of the purposes specified in the capital improvement plans adopted under section 15 of this chapter.

(e) If an ordinance is adopted under subsection (c), the adopting entity shall use the certified distribution described in section 16 of this chapter to provide:

(1) if the ordinance grants a credit described in subsection (c)(2)(A) or (c)(2)(C), a homestead credit for homesteads; or

(2) if the ordinance grants a credit described in subsection (c)(2)(B) or (c)(2)(D), a property tax replacement credit for residential property;

for property taxes to offset the effect on homesteads or residential property, as applicable, in the county resulting from the statewide deduction for inventory under IC 6-1.1-12-42 or from the exclusion in 2008 of inventory from the definition of personal property in IC 6-1.1-1-11. The amount of a residential property tax replacement credit granted under this section may not be considered in computing the amount of any homestead credit to which the residential property may be entitled under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (before its repeal) or another law other than IC 6-1.1-20.6.

(f) If the imposing entity specifies the application of uniform homestead credits under subsection (c)(2)(A), the county auditor shall, for each calendar year in which a homestead credit percentage is authorized under this section, determine:

(1) the amount of the certified distribution that is available to provide a homestead credit percentage under this section for the year;

(2) the amount of uniformly applied homestead credits for the year in the county that equals the amount determined under subdivision (1); and

(3) the percentage of homestead credit under this section that equates to the amount of homestead credits determined under subdivision (2).

(g) If the imposing entity specifies the application of uniform residential credits under subsection (c)(2)(B), the county auditor shall

determine for each calendar year in which a homestead credit percentage is authorized under this section:

(1) the amount of the certified distribution that is available to provide a residential property tax replacement credit percentage for the year;

(2) the amount of uniformly applied residential property tax replacement credits for the year in the county that equals the amount determined under subdivision (1); and

(3) the percentage of residential property tax replacement credit under this section that equates to the amount of residential property tax replacement credits determined under subdivision (2).

(h) The percentage of homestead credit determined by the county auditor under subsection (f) or the percentage of residential property tax replacement credit determined by the county auditor under subsection (g) applies uniformly in the county in the calendar year for which the percentage is determined.

(i) If the imposing entity specifies the application of allocated homestead credits under subsection (c)(2)(C), the county auditor shall, for each calendar year in which a homestead credit is authorized under this section, determine:

(1) the amount of the certified distribution that is available to provide a homestead credit under this section for the year; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (l), a percentage of homestead credit for each taxing district in the county that allocates to the taxing district an amount of homestead credits that bears the same proportion to the amount determined under subdivision (1) that the amount of inventory assessed value deducted under IC 6-1.1-12-42 in the taxing district for the assessment date in 2006 bears to the total inventory assessed value deducted under IC 6-1.1-12-42 in the county for the assessment date in 2006.

(j) If the imposing entity specifies the application of allocated residential property tax replacement credits under subsection (c)(2)(D), the county auditor shall determine for each calendar year in which a residential property tax replacement credit is authorized under this section:

(1) the amount of the certified distribution that is available to provide a residential property tax replacement credit under this section for the year; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (l), a percentage of residential property tax replacement credit for each taxing district

in the county that allocates to the taxing district an amount of residential property tax replacement credits that bears the same proportion to the amount determined under subdivision (1) that the amount of inventory assessed value deducted under IC 6-1.1-12-42 in the taxing district for the assessment date in 2006 bears to the total inventory assessed value deducted under IC 6-1.1-12-42 in the county for the assessment date in 2006.

(k) This subsection does not apply to a county in which the county fiscal body adopts an ordinance to provide for the use of the certified distribution described in section 16 of this chapter to fund a public transportation project under IC 8-25. The county auditor shall retain from the payments of the county's certified distribution an amount equal to the revenue lost, if any, due to the homestead credit or residential property tax replacement credit provided under this section within the county. The money shall be distributed to the civil taxing units and school corporations of the county:

(1) as if the money were from property tax collections; and

(2) in such a manner that no civil taxing unit or school corporation will suffer a net revenue loss because of the allowance of a homestead credit or residential property tax replacement credit under this section.

(l) This subsection does not apply to a county in which the county fiscal body adopts an ordinance to provide for the use of the certified distribution described in section 16 of this chapter to fund a public transportation project under IC 8-25. Subject to the approval of the imposing entity, the county auditor may adjust the increased percentage of:

(1) homestead credit determined under subsection (i)(2) if the county auditor determines that the adjustment is necessary to achieve an equitable reduction of property taxes among the homesteads in the county; or

(2) residential property tax replacement credit determined under subsection (j)(2) if the county auditor determines that the adjustment is necessary to achieve an equitable reduction of property taxes among the residential property in the county.

(m) This section applies to Hamilton County and Marion County. If the voters of a county approve a local public question under IC 8-25-2, the fiscal body of the county may adopt an ordinance to provide for the use of the certified distribution described in section 16 of this chapter to fund a public transportation project under IC 8-25. However, a county fiscal body shall adopt an ordinance under this subsection if required by IC 8-25-6-10 to impose an additional tax rate on the county

taxpayers who reside in a township in which the voters approve a public transportation project in a local public question held under IC 8-25-6. An ordinance adopted under this subsection must specify an additional tax rate to be imposed in the county (or township in the case of an additional rate required by IC 8-25-6-10) of at least one-tenth percent (0.1%), but not more than twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%). If an ordinance is adopted under this subsection, the amount of the certified distribution attributable to the additional tax rate specified in the ordinance and authorized by section 5(o) of this chapter to fund a public transportation project under IC 8-25 must be:

(1) retained by the county auditor;

(2) deposited in the public transportation project fund established under IC 8-25-3-7; and

(3) used for the purpose provided in this subsection instead of the purposes specified in the capital improvement plan adopted under section 15 of this chapter.

SECTION 22. IC 6-6-6.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.24-2007, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Aircraft" means a device which is designed to provide air transportation for one (1) or more individuals or for cargo.

(b) "State" means the state of Indiana.

(c) "Department" refers to the department of state revenue.

(d) "Person" includes an individual, a partnership, a firm, a corporation, a limited liability company, an association, a trust, or an estate, or a legal representative of such.

(e) "Owner" means a person who holds or is required to obtain a certificate of registration from the Federal Aviation Administration for a specific aircraft. In the event an aircraft is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease with the right of purchase upon the performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession of the aircraft vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or in the event the mortgagor of an aircraft is entitled to possession, then the conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed to be the owner for purposes of this chapter.

(f) "Dealer" means a person who has an established place of business in this state, is required to obtain a certificate under IC 6-2.5-8-1 or IC 6-2.5-8-3, and is engaged in the business of manufacturing, buying, selling, or exchanging new or used aircraft.

(g) "Maximum landing weight" means the maximum weight of the aircraft, accessories, fuel, pilot, passengers, and cargo that is permitted

on landing under the best conditions, as determined for an aircraft by the appropriate federal agency or the certified allowable gross weight published by the manufacturer of the aircraft.

(h) "Resident" means an individual or a fiduciary who resides or is domiciled within Indiana or any corporation or business association which maintains a fixed and established place of business within Indiana for a period of more than sixty (60) days in any one (1) year.

(i) "Taxable aircraft" means an aircraft required to be registered with the department by this chapter.

(j) "Regular annual registration date" means the last day of ~~February~~ **December** of each year.

(k) "Taxing district" means a geographic area within which property is taxed by the same taxing units and at the same total rate.

(l) "Taxing unit" means an entity which has the power to impose ad valorem property taxes.

(m) "Base" means the location or place where the aircraft is normally hangared, tied down, housed, parked, or kept, when not in use.

(n) "Homebuilt aircraft" means an aircraft constructed primarily by an individual for personal use. The term homebuilt aircraft does not include an aircraft constructed primarily by a for-profit aircraft manufacturing business.

(o) "Pressurized aircraft" means an aircraft equipped with a system designed to control the atmospheric pressure in the crew or passenger cabins.

(p) "Establishing a base" means renting or leasing a hangar or tie down for a particular aircraft for at least thirty-one (31) days.

(q) "Inventory aircraft" means an aircraft held for resale by a registered Indiana dealer.

(r) "Repair station" means a person who holds a repair station certificate that was issued to the person by the Federal Aviation Administration under 14 CFR Part 145.

SECTION 23. IC 6-6-6.5-10.7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 10.7. (a) The aircraft excise tax shall be assessed on each inventory aircraft held by a dealer on the last day of ~~February.~~ **December.**

(b) Each year a dealer shall submit to the department:

(1) an update of the list of known aircraft in inventory, which the department may at its discretion supply; or

(2) a completed form 7695 for each inventory aircraft.

(c) The dealer shall compute the amount of aircraft excise tax due and remit the full amount along with any forms prescribed by the

department.

(d) For aircraft deleted from the inventory list, the dealer shall provide complete sale information and shall submit the applicable information if directed to by the department.

(e) A dealer who fails to file and remit the excise tax due for all inventory aircraft as required by the department is subject to the penalty and interest provision of this chapter for each inventory aircraft omitted.

(f) A dealer who holds aircraft for other than inventory use is subject to the nondealer provisions contained in this chapter regarding those specific aircraft.

SECTION 24. IC 6-6-11-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "tax situs" means the taxing district in which a boat is located on ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** of a boating year unless:

(1) the boat is acquired after ~~March 1,~~ **the assessment date,** in which case the boat's tax situs is where the owner intends to have the boat on the following ~~March 1;~~ **assessment date;** or

(2) the boat is registered outside Indiana, in which case the boat's tax situs is the taxing district in which the boat is principally stored or operated during the boating year.

SECTION 25. IC 14-33-22-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 6. A user, all or a part of whose real property is subject to no tax other than the special benefits tax imposed under this article, may file with the county assessor and the board a request for assessment of the user's real property under this chapter. A request for a change in assessment must be filed before November 2 of the year preceding the ~~March 1~~ assessment date for which the change in assessment is requested. Every request applies only to the following:

(1) Real property specified in the request and subject to no tax other than the special benefits tax imposed under this article.

(2) The past year specified in the request for which assessment is requested under this chapter and all future years until further notice.

SECTION 26. IC 36-2-6-14.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 14.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a special assessment required to be certified to the county auditor and added to the tax duplicate by law shall be certified within each county on or before a uniform date or dates established by the legislative body of that county. If the legislative body of a county does not establish a date for the

certification required by this section, a special assessment required to be certified to the county auditor and added to the tax duplicate by law shall be certified on or before ~~March 1.~~ **the assessment date.**

SECTION 27. IC 36-7-15.1-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 25. (a) Real property acquired by the redevelopment district is exempt from taxation while owned by the district.

(b) All receipts of the department, including receipts from the sale of real property, personal property, and materials disposed of, are exempt from all taxes.

(c) As used in this subsection, "year one" means any calendar year and "year two" means the calendar year following year one. When real property is acquired by the redevelopment district during the period from assessment on ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** of year one to the last day of ~~February~~ **December** of year ~~two,~~ **one,** the taxes due in year two shall be prorated between the seller and the city. When the proration is made, the auditor shall remove the city's prorated share from the tax duplicate by auditor's correction.

SECTION 28. IC 36-7-15.1-52 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 52. (a) Real property acquired by the redevelopment district is exempt from taxation while owned by the district.

(b) All receipts of the redevelopment district, including receipts from the sale of real property, personal property, and materials disposed of, are exempt from all taxes.

(c) As used in this subsection, "year one" means any calendar year and "year two" means the calendar year following year one. When real property is acquired by the redevelopment district during the period from assessment on ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** of year one to the last day of ~~February~~ **December** of year ~~two,~~ **one,** the taxes due in year two shall be prorated between the seller and the city. When the proration is made, the auditor shall remove the city's prorated share from the tax duplicate by auditor's correction.

SECTION 29. IC 36-9-9-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 10. (a) After an electrical lighting system has been completed and is ready for operation, the municipal works board shall assess the real property in the city block or blocks affected for the proportionate part of the annual lighting cost and, in the case of a system of ornamental lighting, the installation costs, that the property owners are required to pay annually. The works board shall assess each lot or parcel of the property equally per front foot.

(b) The works board shall prepare and file an assessment roll, setting forth the assessments against each lot and parcel of real property to be assessed, based upon:

(1) the cost of the lighting for the full period of one (1) year and for that part of a year the system may be operated between the time of its completion and the beginning of the next calendar year; and

(2) in the case of a system of ornamental lighting, the costs of installing the system.

The preparation and filing of the assessment roll and all proceedings for its adoption and confirmation, notices to property owners, certifying the roll to the county treasurer, and all other proceedings in connection with the roll must be according to the statutes regarding public improvements in municipalities.

(c) The first assessment made against each lot or parcel of real property is a lien on that lot or parcel, from the time of the final acceptance of the electrical system by the municipality. The lien covers the cost of lighting for the part of the calendar year following acceptance of the system, the cost of lighting for the next full calendar year, and, in the case of a system of ornamental lighting, the cost of installing the system.

(d) After the first assessment is made, a lien attaches upon ~~March 1~~ **the assessment date** of each year without further certification to the county treasurer, for the amount of the lighting cost for the succeeding calendar year and in the same proportions per front foot as fixed by the original assessment roll.

(e) Assessments made under this section shall be paid in the same manner as taxes are paid, at the regular tax paying periods following the adoption of the assessment roll. An assessment not paid at the time fixed by statute is subject to and may be collected according to the statutes regarding delinquent taxes, and all property upon which an assessment is a lien is subject to proceedings for the collection of taxes.

(f) The lien of an assessment under this section has equal priority with all other assessment liens and is superior to all other liens except liens for taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Tax & Fiscal Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 374, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 374 as introduced.)

HERSHMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 374 be amended to read as follows:

Page 44, line 39, after "of year" strike "two," and insert "**one,**".

Page 45, line 12, after "of year" strike "two," and insert "**one,**".

(Reference is to SB 374 as printed January 21, 2015.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Senate Bill 374, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-3-22 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 22. (a) Except to the extent that it conflicts with a statute and subject to subsection (f), 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001), which was formerly incorporated by reference into this section, is reinstated as a rule.

(b) Tangible personal property within the scope of 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001) shall be assessed on the assessment dates in calendar years 2003 and thereafter in conformity with 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001).

(c) The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code shall publish

50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001) in the Indiana Administrative Code.

(d) 50 IAC 4.3 and any other rule to the extent that it conflicts with this section is void.

(e) A reference in 50 IAC 4.2 to a governmental entity that has been terminated or a statute that has been repealed or amended shall be treated as a reference to its successor.

(f) The department of local government finance may not amend or repeal the following (all as in effect January 1, 2001):

(1) 50 IAC 4.2-4-3(f).
(2) 50 IAC 4.2-4-7.
(3) 50 IAC 4.2-4-9.
(4) 50 IAC 4.2-5-7.
(5) 50 IAC 4.2-5-13.
(6) 50 IAC 4.2-6-1.
(7) 50 IAC 4.2-6-2.
(8) 50 IAC 4.2-8-9.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 50 IAC 4.2-4-6(c) is void effective July 1, 2015. The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and the Indiana Register shall remove this provision from the Indiana Administrative Code.

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-3-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 22.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), when a taxpayer acquires depreciable tangible personal property, the year of acquisition for the depreciable tangible personal property is the fiscal year determined as follows:**

(1) The applicable fiscal year beginning January 2 and ending January 1, for depreciable tangible personal property acquired after January 1, 2016.

(2) The fiscal year beginning March 2, 2015, and ending January 1, 2016, for depreciable tangible personal property acquired after March 1, 2015, and before January 2, 2016.

(3) The applicable fiscal year beginning March 2 and ending March 1, for depreciable tangible personal property acquired before March 2, 2015.

(b) If a taxpayer has a financial year that ends on December 31 or January 31, the taxpayer may elect to use the same year as that used for federal income tax purposes to determine the year of acquisition of depreciable tangible personal property for Indiana property tax reporting purposes. Otherwise, a taxpayer is not eligible to elect to use a federal tax year to compute the year of

acquisition for Indiana property tax reporting purposes and must use the applicable fiscal year specified in subsection (a).

(c) If a taxpayer makes a federal tax year election under subsection (b), an acquisition of depreciable tangible personal property after the close of the taxpayer's federal taxable year and on or before the immediately following assessment date must be included in a separate category on the taxpayer's return and clearly designated.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 374 as reprinted January 23, 2015.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 20, nays 0.